

## **TUITION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT**

**Ashland Community and Technical College  
Morehead State University-Morehead  
Morehead State University-Ashland  
And  
Ohio University-Athens  
Ohio University-Southern  
Rio Grande Community College  
Shawnee State University**

In an effort to increase the college going rate and postsecondary opportunities in an underserved Appalachian region, this Tuition Reciprocity Agreement is entered into between the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, the Ohio Board of Regents, the Boards of Trustees of Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Morehead, Morehead State University-Ashland, Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University pursuant to provision of Section 3333.17 of the Ohio Revised Code and in compliance with rules and procedures of the aforementioned parties.

**I. Purpose**

The general purpose of this Tuition Reciprocity Agreement is to expand postsecondary educational opportunities in the region while limiting the cost of such expansion to the taxpayers of Ohio and Kentucky through collaboration among public institutions of higher education. The intended outcomes of this collaboration are to increase the availability of programs to residents of the region without needless duplication of educational effort and to promote efficient use of existing educational facilities and resources.

**II. Terms**

**1. Duration and Termination**

The agreement shall be effective beginning July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005, and may be renewed prior to June 30, 2005, by mutual written agreement signed by all of the parties for a period of two years. As the agreements must coincide with the biennial budgets of the State of Ohio, the next agreement would be for the term of July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007.

The agreement may be amended by any party, providing the amendment is in writing and signed by all parties to the agreement prior to the effective date of the amendment.

A review of this agreement will occur on a biennial basis or at the request of any party hereto, provided all parties to this agreement are served with written notice of such request at least ninety (90) days prior to said review.

This agreement may be terminated by any of the participating institutions, the Ohio Board of Regents, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, or the

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education on June 30 of any year, with at least ninety (90) days prior written notice to each of the parties to this agreement.

2. Kentucky Residents Eligibility/Ohio Programs

Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University, agree to accept at Ohio resident tuition rates any resident of Boyd, Carter, Elliot, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, and Rowan Counties of Kentucky who enrolls and who satisfies all regular admissions requirements (including those requirements of the specific program in which admission is being sought).

3. Ohio Residents Eligibility/Kentucky Programs

Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Morehead, and Morehead State University-Ashland agree to accept at Kentucky resident tuition rates any resident of Adams, Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Scioto, and Vinton Counties of Ohio who enrolls and who satisfies all regular admissions requirements (including those requirements of the specific program in which admission is being sought).

The following program from Morehead State University is excluded from the agreement: Master of Business Administration.

4. Resident Status

- a. During the period of this agreement, the Ohio Board of Regents will consider residents of Boyd, Carter, Elliot, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason and Rowan Counties, who attend Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University under this agreement as qualifying for resident Ohio tuition.
- b. During the period of this agreement, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education will consider residents of Adams, Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Scioto, and Vinton Counties, who attend Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Morehead, and Morehead State University-Ashland under this agreement as qualifying for resident Kentucky tuition.

5. Continued Eligibility

Once enrolled as a reciprocity student, each student demonstrating satisfactory academic performance under already existing academic standards and criteria of their institution, will continue to receive reciprocity benefits under this agreement through graduation for the degree in which enrolled, as long as a reciprocity agreement exists. Student participation is subject to the terms and conditions of the reciprocity agreement in effect at the time of initial enrollment, and, in the event of termination, each student will be informed by the enrolling institution of his/her future status. If the agreement is terminated, participating institutions may agree at that time to continue tuition reciprocity for students appropriately enrolled in eligible programs at the time of termination until the completion of their programs of study, subject to the biennial limitations as described in paragraph II.1.

6. Notice, Application, and Waiver

The availability of resident tuition rates under this agreement shall be advertised to applicants and/or to students of Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Morehead, Morehead State University-Ashland, Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University by any means deemed appropriate by those institutions.

All eligible students who want to receive resident tuition rates under this agreement must apply for such rates at the institution where they plan to enroll. Failure to apply in the manner required by each institution and in advance of enrollment will constitute a waiver of all rights under the terms of this agreement for that quarter or semester of enrollment and any preceding quarter or semester of enrollment for which no application was made. Each institution will develop a process for applicants to use in order to apply for resident tuition rates under this agreement.

7. Annual Report

By June 30 of each year, Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University-Morehead, Morehead State University-Ashland, Ohio University-Athens, Ohio University Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University, agrees to provide annual reports to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and the Ohio Board of Regents on the enrollment and fiscal implications of the agreement on forms prescribed for the purpose of those state agencies.

III. Ohio Board of Regents Approval

This agreement is not effective unless and until approved by the Ohio Board of Regents pursuant to Section 3333.17 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

**TUITION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT  
SIGNATURE PAGES**

**STATE AGENCIES**

Thomas D. Layzell, President  
Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Roderick G. W. Chu, Chancellor  
Ohio Board of Regents  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael B. McCall, President  
Kentucky Community & Technical College System  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTITUTIONS**

Greg Adkins, Chief Executive Officer  
Ashland Community and Technical College District

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ronald G. Eaglin, President  
Morehead State University

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Glidden, President  
Ohio University

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Barry M. Dorsey, President  
Rio Grande Community College

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Field, Interim President  
Shawnee State University

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_